

"CERTAINTY OF THE DAY OF THE LORD"

"THE DANGER OF FALSE TEACHERS"

THE DANGER CAN BE OVERCOME

- KNOW THE TRUTH
- RECEIVE AND USE GOD'S PROVISION (1:3)
- GIVE ALL DILIGENCE TO GROW (1:5-10)
- BE AWARE OF THE DANGER
 OF FALSE TEACHERS OF
 THEIR TACTICS, METHODS,
 AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF
 BEING DECEIVED (2:1-22)



The Certainty of THE DAY OF THE DAY Peter 3:1-15

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¹ Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), ² that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

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▶ We NEED TO BE REMINDED

- Of the truth taught by God's messengers — God will judge the wicked! — (2-7)
- This world will be destroyed (7, 10,11)
- © God's will is that men not perish but come to repentance (9,14)
- In view of God's judgment, we must live in "holy conduct and godliness" — (11)
- Be diligent that we be found by Him in peace, without spot & blameless — (14)
- To GROW in knowledge (17-18)

"WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING?" 2 PETER 3:3,4

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- What would the "mockers" and "scoffers" DENIY?
 - The future fulfillment of God's promise 'the promise of His coming' i.e., universal judgment (4)
 - They reject God's judgment because they are determined to live according "to their own lust." (3)
 - Their assertion was based on the absence of God's historical judgment upon sinful men (4)

"THIS THEY WILLFULLY FORGET" — 2 PETER 3:5-7

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- What would the "mockers" and "scoffers" FORGET?
 - They forget about the past judgments of God (5,6; cf. 2:4-7)
 - God fulfilled His promise to judge the wickedness of men when he flooded the earth with water which He had previously created (5,6)
 - They forget God does not view time like we do (8)

"THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME" — 2 PETER 3:7-13

2 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

- The present heavens and earth are reserved for FIRE ...
 - The word of God brought forth the physical "heavens & earth" (5; Gen. 1:1-2).
 - The word of God is preserving the same "heavens and earth" (7)
 - The phrase "heavens & earth" of 3:7, 10-12 is just as literal as the phrase "heavens & earth" of 3:5.

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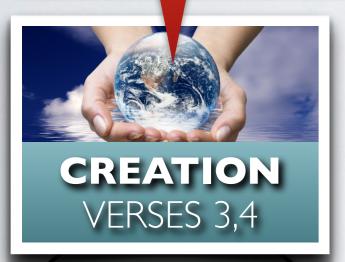
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 - The judgment of this context is a universal judgment that affects all creation against all ungodly men, (6,7,10-12; cf. Jn 5:28,29; Ac 17:30-31)
 - The entire 'literal' world was flooded therefore the literal "heavens & earth" will be destroyed with fire (Gen. 7:11; 9:11, 15; 2 Pet. 3:7,10-12).

The Certainty of

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DESTRUCTION WILL BE AS UNIVERSAL AS CREATION!



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UNIVERSAL
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WITH WATER



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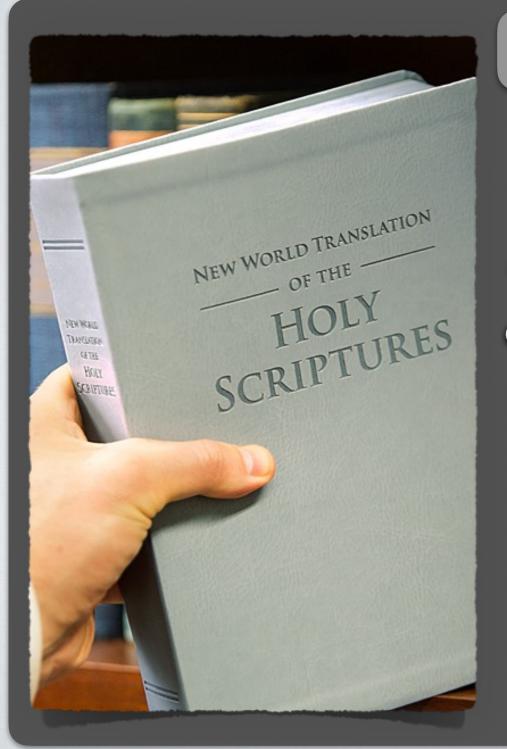
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 - God's delay in judging men is not an indication of His unwillingness to punish the wicked, but rather His willingness to save the penitent (9)

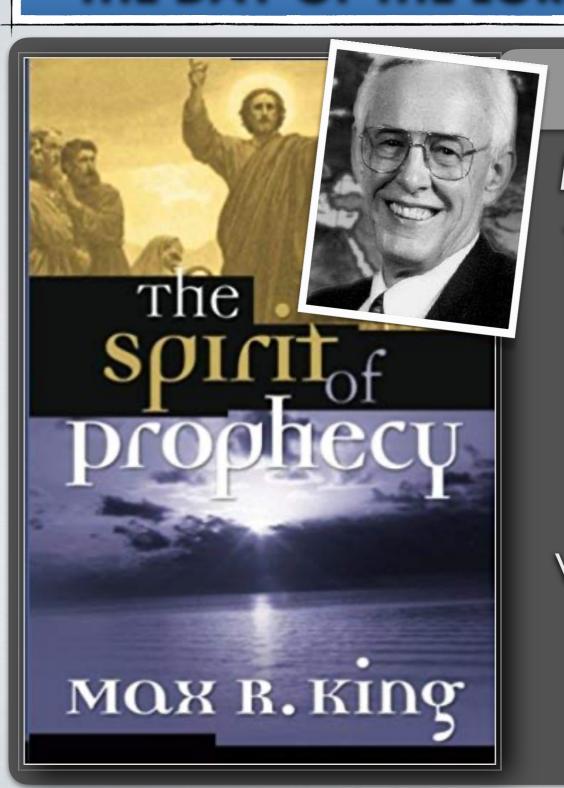
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Future of The Earth?

The phrase "the end of the world," which appears in many Bible translations, can also be rendered as "the conclusion of the system of things," or "the close of the age." ... It refers, not to the destruction of the earth or of all humanity, but to the end of the framework of human society. —1 John 2: 17. The Bible teaches that "evil men will be done away with" so that good people can enjoy life on earth.— (Jehovah's Witnesses, When Will the World End? / https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/end-of-the-world/

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Future of The Earth?

Max King: "The Holy Scriptures teach the second coming of Christ, including the establishment of the eternal kingdom, the day of judgment, the end of the world, and the resurrection of the dead, occurred with the fall of Judaism in 70 A.D." (The Nichols-King Debate, 1)

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- ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." (3:4)
- ⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (3:7)

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in which the heavens will pass away with a roar

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"Heavens will pass away with a great noise" (10)

ROAR - 14.85 ἡοιζηδόν: ...

pertaining to a sudden noise made by swift movement—'with a shrill noise, with a rushing noise.' οἱ οὐρανοὶ ῥοιζηδὸν παρελεύσονται 'the heavens will disappear with a rushing noise' 2 Pe 3:10. The expression 'with a rushing noise' may be rendered as 'suddenly and with a roar' or 'quickly and with a lot of noise.'—

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Elements - stoicheion (στοιχεῖον, 4747),

In the NT it is used of

- (a) the substance of the material world, 2 Pet. 3:10, 12;
- (b) the speculations of gentile cults and of Jewish theories, ... Col. 2:8,
- (c) the rudimentary principles of religion, Jewish or Gentile, ... Col. 2:20, and ... Gal. 4:3, 9,
- (d) the "elementary" principles (the A.B.C.'s) of God's word ... Heb. 5:12,

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Thayer / Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament.

2. the elements from which all things have come, the material causes of the universe (εστι δε στοιχειον, εξ δυπρωτου γινεται τα γινομενα και εις δεσχατον αναλυεται ... το πυρ, το ύδωρ, δαηρ, ήγη, Diogenes Laërtius Zeno 137); so very often from Plato down, as in Tim., p. 48 b.; in the Scriptures: Sap. 7:17; 19:17; 2 Peter 3:10,12.

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- of substances underlying the natural world, the basic *elements* fr. which everything in the world is made and of which it is composed (Pla. et al.; PGM 4, 440; Wsd 7:17; 19:18; 4 Macc 12:13; Ath., R. 3 p. 51, 17), to disappear in the world conflagration at the end of time 2 Pt 3:10, 12 (Ath. 22, 3; lit. s.v. καυσόω). The four elements of the world (earth, air, fire, water) Hv 3, 13, 3

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LITERAL

The creation of the material world (4,5)

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The flood of the material world (6)

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The present material heavens & earth reserved for fire (7)

ALSO LITERAL

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JUDGMENT SHADOWS

- The angels who sinned (2:4)
- The Flood (2:5)
- Sodom & Gomorrah (2:6-8)
- Egypt (Ez. 32:7-8)
- Assyria (Nah. 1:1-5)
- Israel (Amos 8:1-2, 9)
- Jerusalem (Jer. 4:1-6)
- Babylon (Isa. 13:10, 13)
- Edom (Isa. 34:4-6)
- Jerusalem (Mat. 24:1-34)

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- John 5:28,29
- 1 Cor. 15
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- ▶ 1 Thes 4:13-18
- ▶ 1 & 2 Peter

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THEREFORE

2 Peter 3:11–12 (NKJV)

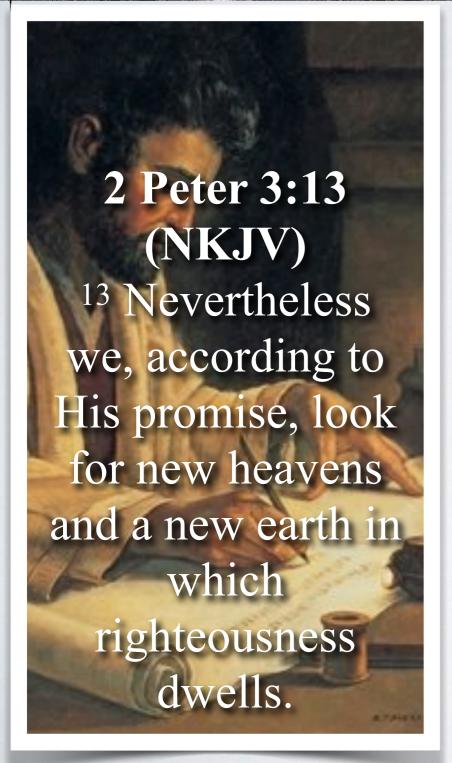
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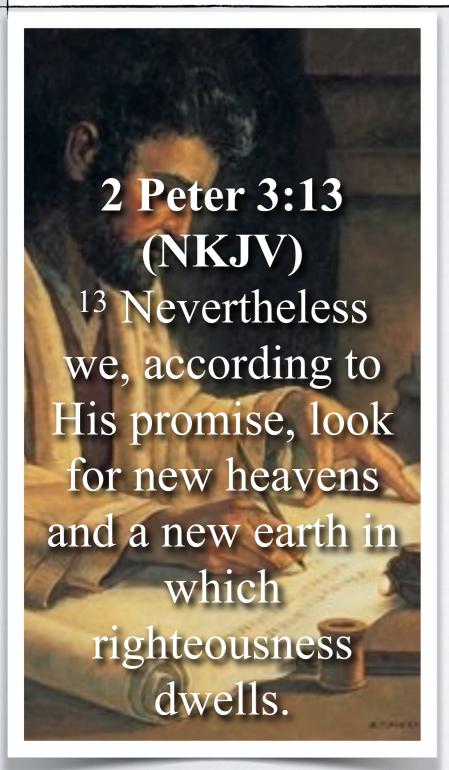
- lsa. 65:17-25; cf. lsa. 11:6-16
- Isa. 66:22-24
- 2 Pet. 3:11-13
- Rev. 21:1-4

Same Language



Different Things

"THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME" — 2 PETER 3:7-13



"Looking for new heavens and a new earth" (3:13)

- Peter has mentioned the material creation the universal judgment of the flood and the same material heavens & earth reserved for fire & destruction.
- The material universe will be destroyed the new heavens and new earth will be the eternal habitation reserved for God's people in heaven (1 Peter 1:4; Col. 1:5; 2 Cor. 5:1-5; 1 Thes. 4:13-18)

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"New Heavens & New Earth"

Judgment on JUDAH & RESTORATION (Isaiah 65,66) UNIVERSAL
Judgment &
ETERNAL LIFE
(2 Peter 3:1-13)

FUTURE FULL
GLORIFICATION of
the CHURCH
(Revelation 21:1-4)

LITERAL RESTORATION OF JUDAH - 536 BC

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The literal world will be destroyed.

As new creatures in Christ they were to look to their eternal reward.

As children of God - we will have something much better than what we currently have!

God's people will be

God's people will be with Him in HEAVEN.

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- Sanctified
- Cleansed
- Grace & Peace
- Born Again
- Living Hope
- Our faith
- Trials / Testing



We LOOK FOR ...

- Final Inheritance
- Final Salvation
- Final Glorification
- Final Revelation
- Faith REALIZED
- Hope REALIZED
- End of TRIALS
- In Heaven



AD 30

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JESUS Is Coming AGAIN:

- Personally Acts 1:11; 1 Thes. 4:16;
- Visibly Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7
- Audibly 1 Thes. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52
- With angels 2 Thes. 1:7-9
- With power & glory 2 Thes. 1:7-10
- To judge the world Acts 17:30-33
- Destroy present world & establish new heavens and new earth - 2 Pet. 3:10-13
- Glorify Saints Col. 3:4; Phil. 3:20-21

There Will Be No Hiding / No Escape



- All will hear his voice and come forth– (Jn 5:28,29; (2 Cor 5:10))
- Every work will be brought into judgment / all made known / Judgment impartial (Eccl 12:7,13,14; Heb 4:13; Rom 2:5-12; Phili 2:9-11)
- The righteous will receive everlasting life in heaven, but the wicked, everlasting punishment in hell – (Matthew 25:46)

WHEN????—ARE YOU READY?



Matthew 24:36–39 (NKJV)

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

WHEN????—ARE YOU READY?



- Mt 24:42,44 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- Mt 25:13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
- Mk 13:32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

WHEN????—ARE YOU READY?



- 1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
- 2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, . . .
- Rev 16:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

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14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—

WHEN????—ARE YOU READY?



- Requires intent Mat 7:13,14
- Requires faith John 8:24; Heb 11:6
- Requires repentance Acts 17:30,31
- Requires confession Rom 10:9,10
- Requires baptism & continued
 obedience Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38;
 Rom. 6:3-6,16,17; Heb. 5:8,9
- Requires purpose Acts 11:23
- Requires diligence 2 Pet 3:5-11

WHEN????—ARE YOU READY?



- We can **mock** the warnings of scripture . . . We can **ignore** the warnings of scripture . . . we can **delay** obedience, and be found **unprepared** . . . (2Pt 3:1-7)
 - OR We can humbly heed the warnings & promises of God by obeying the gospel and being diligent in serving God (2Pt 3:8-14)

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 (NKJV)

⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.